



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3605

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The Honorable Antony Blinken
Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Blinken:

The situation in Afghanistan left behind by President Biden's hasty withdrawal is horrific. As events have unfolded, media reports have disclosed that Americans requesting help in evacuating were advised that the United States government was unable to guarantee their safety as they travel to Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul. It is unconscionable and unacceptable that Biden administration officials are refusing to commit to evacuating every American from the country.

The chaos and uncertainty are happening after assurances from the Biden administration for months that they had anticipated every eventuality and prepared for every scenario. It would appear that those plans have either failed or the statements themselves were false at the time they were given.

The American people need to know the administration's plan to evacuate each and every American in Afghanistan who wants to leave. We have already instructed our congressional district staffs to assist in whatever way we can, but there must be direction and leadership from President Biden, the State Department, and the rest of the administration. At this point, that leadership is severely lacking.

We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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Ted Budd
Member of Congress

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Dan Bishop
Member of Congress